

et al. fail the test for anticipation as required by 35 U.S.C. § 102. Accordingly, since the above noted feature recited in claim 1 is not taught in Nevo et al., Applicants kindly request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection over claims 1-7 and 12.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-13 are patentable over the relied upon reference, and that the application as a whole is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

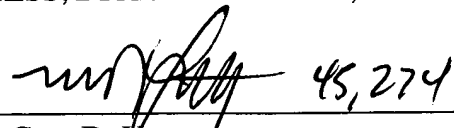
In the event that any matters remain at issue in the application, the Examiner is invited to contact Matthew J. Lattig at (703) 390-3030 in the Northern Virginia area, for the purpose of a telephonic interview.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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